

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:620

ANSWERED ON:09.05.2005

FOREIGN AIDED FORESTRY PROJECTS

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of total ongoing Social Forestry Projects in the country at present indicating the number out of them running with assistance from World Bank and other foreign banks/aid, State-wise;
- (b) the details of funds provided separately by the Government, World Bank and other foreign banks/agencies for these projects during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) the cost of above projects indicating their objectives and targetted date of completion;
- (d) the role played by the concerned States in this regard; and
- (e) the details of further action plan chalked out to promote social forestry in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 620 FOR FOR
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(a) & (c):- There are eight Externally Aided Forestry Projects being implemented in seven States. The details are enclosed in Annexure-I.

The broad objectives of these projects include ecological restoration and biological upgradation of forests and community lands, bridging the gap between demand and supply of forest products, reduction of poverty and augmentation of earning capacity of poor people by sustainable use of land and other natural resources through participatory process of planning and management.

(b) The details are enclosed in Annexure-II.

(d) The role played by the concerned States is the successful implementation of the projects in accordance with the project implementation programme set in consultation with the donor agencies.

(e) Two projects namely Karnataka Sustainable Forest Management and Biodiversity Conservation project and Tamil Nadu Afforestation Project Phase II have been sanctioned by Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), at an outlay of Rs 769.88 cr and Rs. 564 cr, respectively for implementation from 2005-06. In addition, the Ministry is implementing National Afforestation Programme in the country through the involvement of Forest Development Agencies. Guidelines have been issued to the State for simplification of felling and transit laws, rules and regulations for the harvesting of trees grown on private lands.

Annexure- I

ANNEXURE - I REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) and (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 620 FOR REPLY
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On Going Externally Aided Forestry Projects

Sl.No.	Name of Project	Name of State	Funding Agency	Planned Project Period	Project Cost (Rs in crores)
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1	Andhra Pradesh Community Forestry Project	Andhra Pradesh	World Bank	2002-03 to 2006-07	653
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2	Tamil Nadu Aforestation Project	Tamil Nadu	JBIC	1997-98 to 2002-03#	499.20
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3 Punjab Afforestation Project-II Punjab JBIC 2002-03 to 2006-07 264
 4 Eastern Karnataka Afforestation Project Karnataka JBIC 1997-98 to 2002-03# 566

5 Integrated Natural Resources Management Haryana JBIC 2004-05 to 2009-10 286
 & Poverty Reduction Project in Haryana

6 Himachal Pradesh Forest Sector Reforms Project Himachal Pr. DFID 2002-03 to 2006-07 55

7 Indo-German Changar Eco-development Project Himachal Pr. Govt of Germany 99-2000 to 2004-05 30

8 Rajasthan Forestry and Biodiversity Project Rajasthan JBIC 2003-04 to 2008-09 442.14

JBIC - Japan Bank for International Cooperation
 DFID - Department for International Development, UK
 # - Project period further extended.

ANNEXURE -II

ANNEXURE-II REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 620 FOR REPLY ON 9.05.2005
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Details of Funds provided during last three years

NO.	Title of Project	Year	Donor share (Rs crores)	State share (Rs crores)
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1	Andhra Pradesh Community Forest Management Project	2001-02	1.17	0.06
		2002-03	8.09	1.33
		2003-04	103.32	15.61
		2004-05	35.86	20.62

2	Tamil Nadu Afforestation Project	2001-02	76.09	22.49
		2002-03	69.34	21.93
		2003-04	59.76	26.39
		2004-05	15.89	1.91

3	Punjab Afforestation Project	2001-02	70.05	8.84
		2002-03	38.89	4.23
		2003-04	51.03	9.77
		2004-05	35.52	8.41

4	Eastern Karantaka Afforestation Project	2001-02	90.092	30.891
		2002-03	75.497	4.437
		2003-04	49.318	2.841
		2004-05	21.777	5.258

5	Integrated Natural Resource Management and Poverty Reduction Project	2004-05	13.674	4.326
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6 Himachal Pradesh Forest Sector	2002-03	0.23	-
Reforms Project#	2003-04	3.04	-
	2004-05	0.99	-

7 Indo-German Changer Eco Dev. Project	2001-02	1.75	1.51
	2002-03	2.08	1.23
	2003-04	1.79	1.11
	2004-05	1.26	1.05

8 Rajasthan forestry and	2003-04	28.00	7.00
Biodiversity Project	2004-05	72.00	18.00

= No state share was to be provided as it was a 100 percent grant.